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## PATENT APPLICATION

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### RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2004, reconsideration of the specification and claims is respectfully requested.

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Reply to Office Action of September 9, 2004

Applicant hereby respectfully petitions for an extension of time of one month to respond to the Office Action dated September 9, 2004, on the above-identified application. This extension extends the time to respond from December 9, 2004 to January 9, 2005. Because January 9, 2005, falls on a Sunday, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7(a) the time to respond is January 10, 2005, which is the next succeeding business day.

This petition, together with an amendment and the requisite fees, are being filed concurrently with a certificate of mailing on or before the latter date. This request for an extension of time would allow this Amendment to be submitted four months after the date of the Office Action. Accordingly, the appropriate fee for extension of time is \$120.00.

However, the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any additional fees required to secure the entry of this Response under Rule 1.111, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-0882.